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Responsive to the Office Action dated August 2, 2004 (the "Office Action"), Applicants submit herewith formalized drawings. The formalized drawings are marked "Replacement Sheet." Copies of the originally submitted drawings are also enclosed and are unmarked. The Replacement Drawings have not been modified, but have simply been formalized to place them in better condition for printing.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner replace originally submitted Figures 1-4 with the enclosed replacement drawings.

Respectfully Submitted

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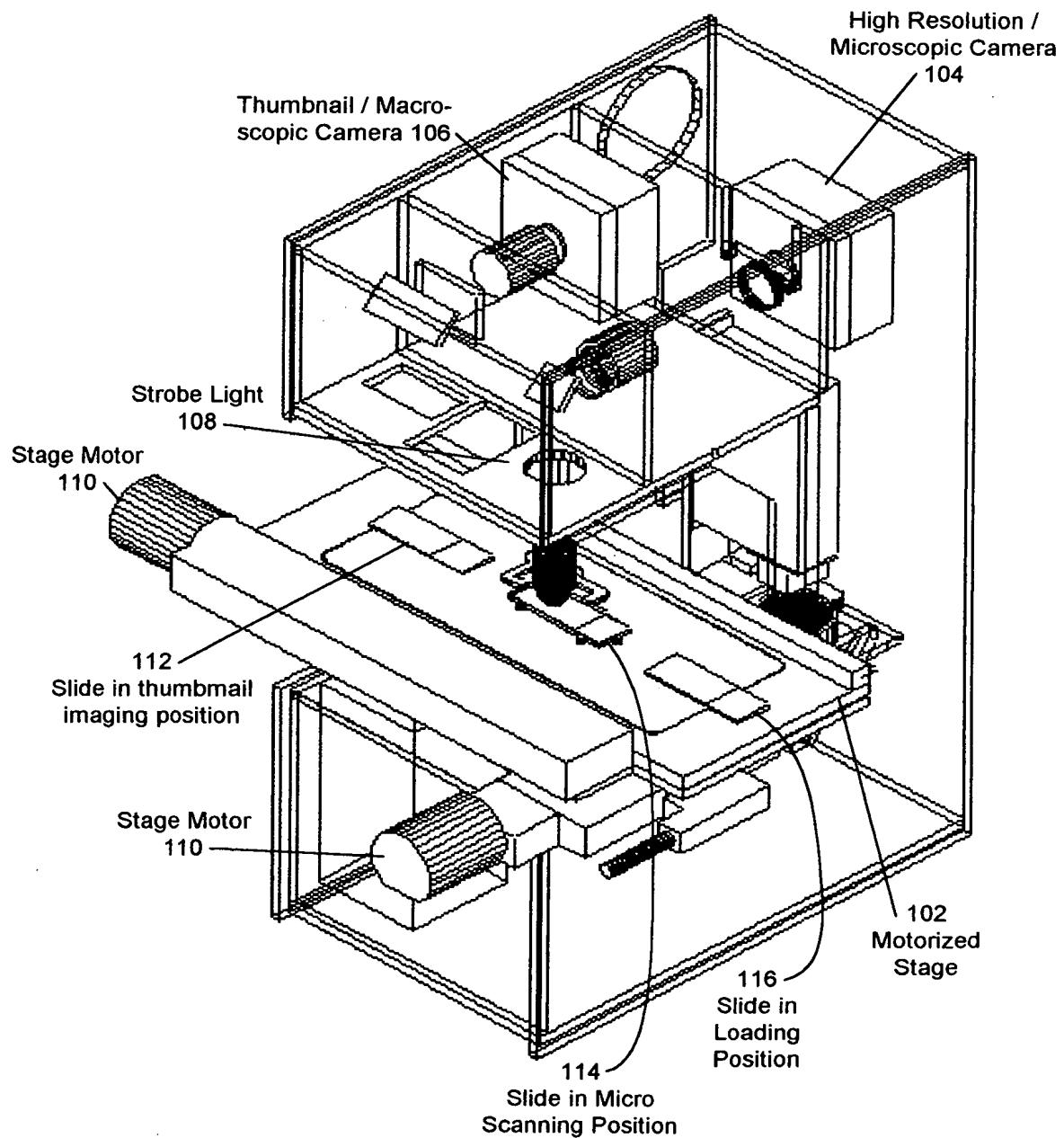


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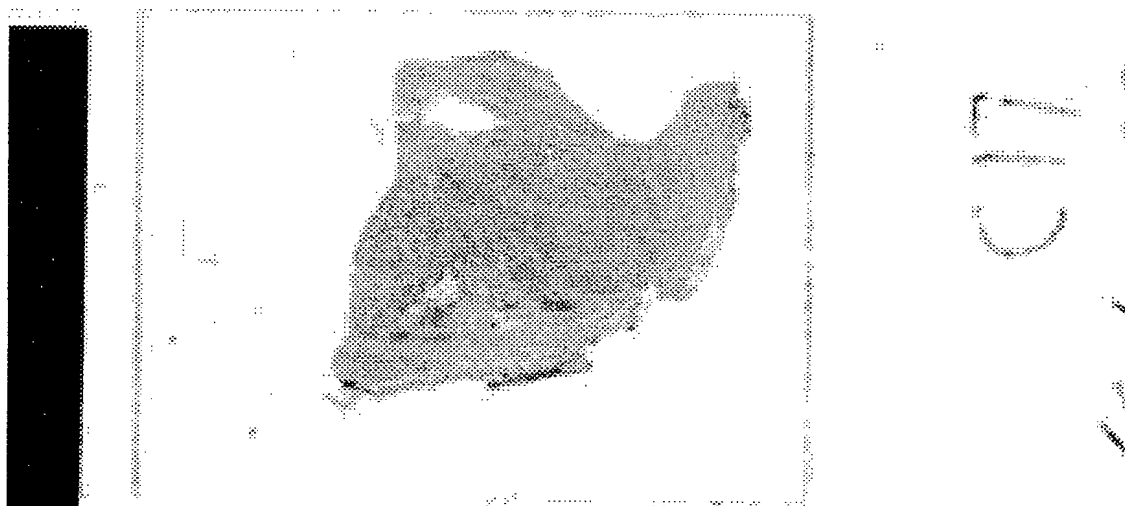


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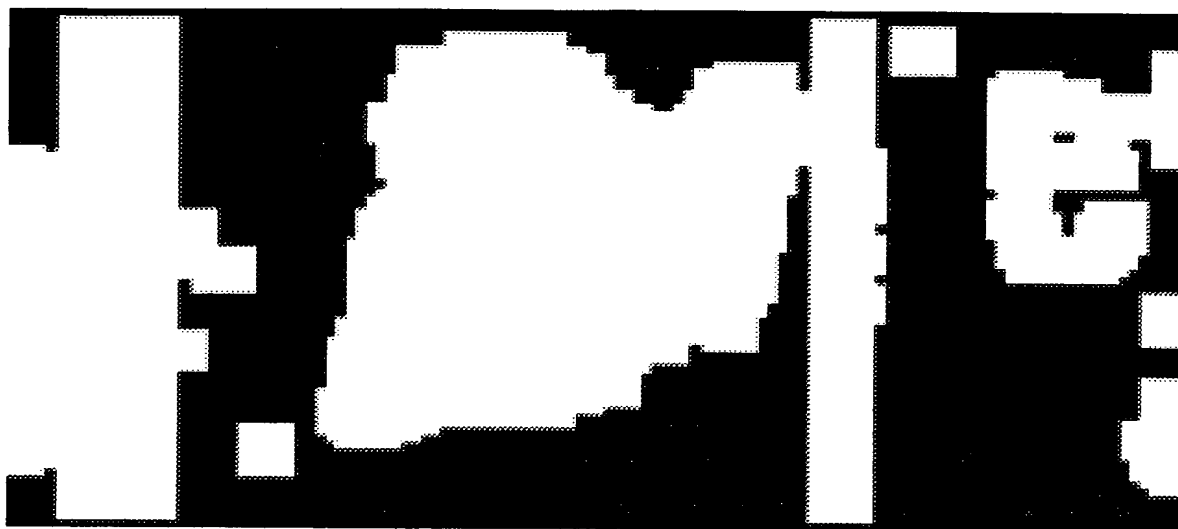


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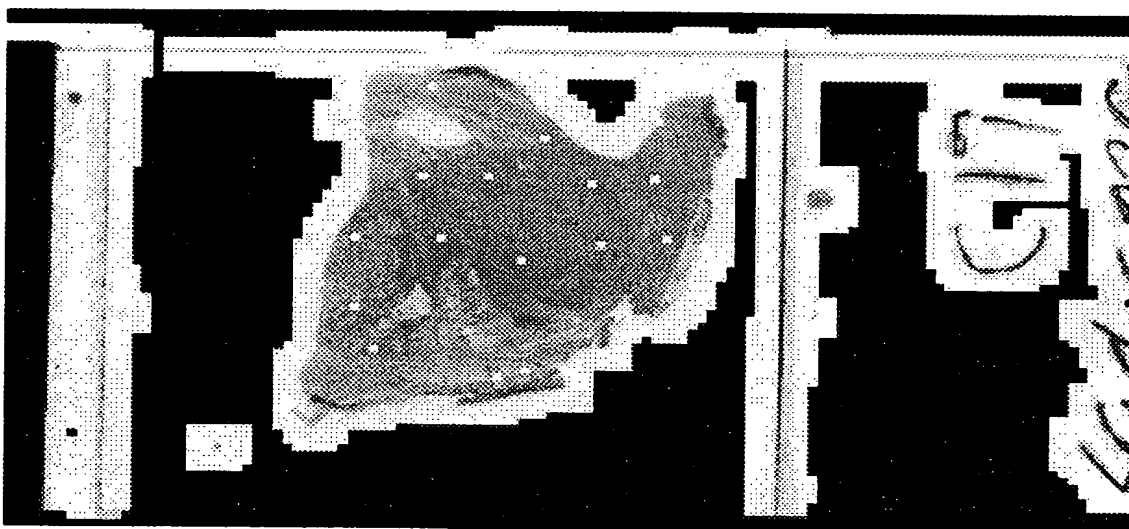


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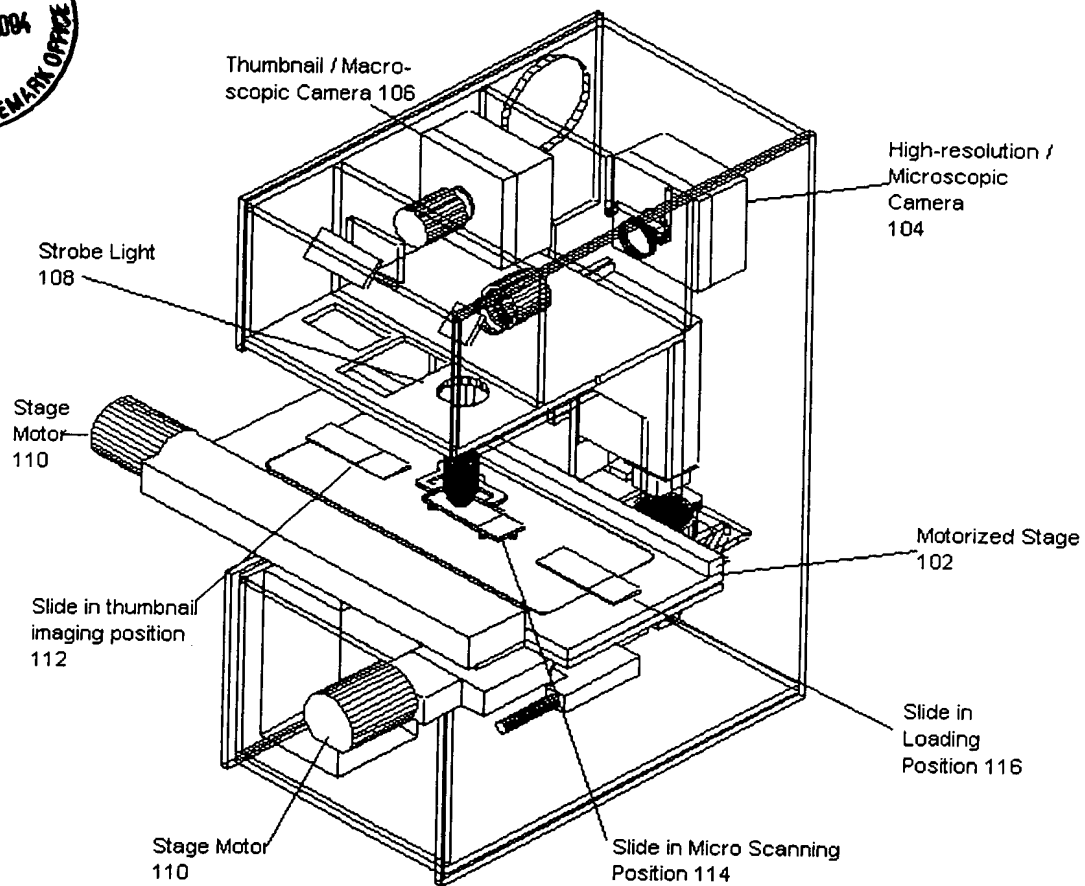


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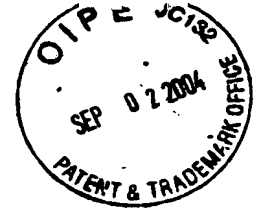


Fig. 2



Fig. 3



Fig. 4